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**SOCIAL PROGRAMMES IN THE WEST.** Professor C. R. HENDERSON. Chicago University Press. 1913. Pp. xxviii, 184. \$1.25.

We have sent missionaries to the Far East to preach the Christian Gospel, to establish hospitals, and to introduce new industrial appliances and scientific methods of agriculture. The Barrows Lectureship has made it possible to send some thinkers to interpret to the learned classes the significance and value of the Christian religion. It was a happy thought to select and send Professor Henderson to make known to the leaders in this same Far East the leading social policies of our Western world. The economic and social problems of the West are making their appearance in the East and are destined shortly to become acute. The experience of the West should be of great value to the leaders of the East; but our mistakes should be avoided and only our successes imitated. To secure these desirable ends by sharing our experience with them, Professor Henderson discusses the social programmes of the West in matters of economics, private and public relief, the warfare against anti-social forces, preventive and constructive policies in public health and education, and the movements which seek to improve the conditions and life of the working people. He then points out the way of social progress. He lays stress on the worth of the common man and justifies unusual efforts on his behalf. In like manner, he places a high estimate on woman, and tests our own and other civilizations by the treatment of women. The book gives full proof of the social results of the Christian religion. It is a social apologetic. It has value for men in the West as well as in the East, and it suggests the thought that the better our social programmes, the more valuable and commendable will our religion be for others and the more conscientiously can we offer it to them.

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**THE SPIRITUAL INTERPRETATION OF NATURE.** JAMES Y. SIMPSON, D.Sc., F.R.S.E. Hodder & Stoughton. 1912. Pp. xvi, 383.

A large part of this book is occupied with a task which needs to be performed at frequent intervals, that of presenting a plain summary of the present state of biological knowledge so far as it bears on problems of philosophy and religion. In his chapters on The Principles of Biology, Evolution, Natural Selection, Variation, Heredity, Environment, the author, who is professor of Natural Science in